

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ON PREVIOUS ARTICLES.

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Sloper Provisional Die Book?

DAVE HILL has provided the probable answer to this from one of the Sloper record books through which he is working to find any new information. This particular record book could be the provisional book which was used after the blitz of the Tower Works. The first column shows the name of the concern typed in alphabetical order, the second column gives a hand written perfin die. After the name in the first column is an indication of single or multiple die and also variations of the die which is written in column 2.

The entry for ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE shows LBI in column 2 but after the name in column 1 is a second 'LBI' plus 'Alter LBT'. My reading of this is that the original die from before the blitz is the one they wrote in column 2. The dies they made up after the blitz are the ones written after the name in column 1; with notes on altering letters to produce a new die until they had time to make a brand new die to replace the one which had been destroyed.

If you have an Edwards Catalogue, you will see that there are now four 'LBI' patterns. As the one on the cover from 1930 mentioned in Bulletin 252 was 0450.01 I would think this was one of the original dies - or the only one - and all, or some, of the others were the ones made up during the war. As I only have a copy of 04 50.01 on a GV 1½d stamp, I cannot check my theory. Could you please look at your holding of any LBI perfin and report which die for which stamp issue?

The second point worth noting is the hand written 'Alter LBT' in column 1. There is no 'LBT' in Edwards but there are two LB/T. We find three LB/I dies in Edwards so did Sloper alter an LB/T to produce LB/I for the National Lifeboat Institute? Again I have no copies of any LB/I perfins so could you please report your stamp issues for any of the LB/I perfins?

